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PSYCHOLOGICAL STRATEGY BOARD
708 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Staff Meeting, October 22, 1952

Present:

Phillips (State)
Codel (Defense)
Wilson (ODMS)

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Planning Procedures Paper

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██████████ announced that the planning procedures paper would not go to the Board tomorrow as planned. Defense has asked for an extension of time to review certain aspects of it.

Phillips said the paper is ready to go to the Board so far as State is concerned.

Changes in Soviet Line

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██████████ suggested that the Board be asked whether the seeming changes in the Soviet line have any important implications for PSB.

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██████████ expressed the belief that the basic underlying Soviet line has not changed, although the surface changes might have an impact on NATO. Prof. Barghoorn of Yale and Prof. James Atkinson of Georgetown may be brought in to give their views to staff, Craig reported.

Tom Wilson pointed out that many good heads here and abroad regard the recent Soviet announcements stemming from the Party Congress as a change in the line; Wilson felt strongly that PSB ought to be concerned with the matter, if only because of the influence of the Lippmans, Lucwell Denny, ██████████ and others who do see a change in the line.

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Phillips reported that General Barmine had sent in some informal comments on this matter. Phillips agreed to pass these on to [REDACTED] 25X1A

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East-West Trade

Wilson reported ODMS's concern with conflicts between our domestic trade and East-West trade policies. Said ODMS proposes to get guidances out to the field. Also plans to pull together a coherent statement of what U. S. policy is on trade in non-strategic materials. Staff noted that [REDACTED] was following these matters for us.

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PSB Quarterly Report to NSC

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All agency contributions are now in, [REDACTED] said. Now waiting on approvals from CIA and State of the summaries we have done of their reports; ODMS and Defense have already approved our summaries of their reports.

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[REDACTED] hopes to get the final draft of the PSB Report out to the agencies by this Friday.

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[REDACTED] said he talked with Farley at NSC recently. Says Farley has softened on his earlier position requiring PSB to submit quarterly reports; we can submit them semi-annually hereafter. Staff noted that the quarterly report will be very useful as PSB's contribution to a briefing the President is going to give the new President.

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[REDACTED] expressed the hope that any suggestions for changes in PSB's covering summary could be worked out with the agency representatives in advance of the Board meeting.

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[REDACTED]

The approved paper is about to be issued, Taylor reported.

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Fiscal Year 1954 Budget

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Approvals of our proposed submission have now been received from Defense and State, [REDACTED]. The CIA letter is on the way. Hearings will probably be held by Bureau of the Budget in 10 days or 2 weeks after we submit our budget formally, he said.

Phillips reported that at Bureau of the Budget hearings on State's budget, Schwarzwaldner asked questions of State which suggested: (a) PSB-R area relations are disorganized and (b) State is exercising too much control over relations of its officials with PSB. Phillips said he got this second hand; was not at hearings himself. [REDACTED] commented to Phillips that a fill-in on the details of these hearings would be advantageous to us in connection with PSB hearings.

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Guidance Paper for Cold War Operations of the Military

Godel suggested PSB might develop a doctrine that would give Defense some guide lines concerning the way its force and threat of force could be used in the Cold War.

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[REDACTED] observed that [REDACTED] had recognized this problem last year but nothing has been done.

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Godel said Army and Navy had papers on this matter; said it was being raised in POC in connection with the latter's consideration of [REDACTED]. Godel suggests an inter-agency staff study be launched to come up with a paper containing guide lines and plans as to ways the military's contributions can be utilized in the Cold War.

Godel notes current jurisdictional problems to be solved in the absence of such a paper: (a) Navy's broadcasts in Korea (State's job under 59/1) and (b) Armed Forces network broadcasts in Europe, intended for U. S. troops, are heard more by Germans.

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